



International Rice Blast Conference

9-13 October 2016
The Bellevue Manila, Alabang,
Muntinlupa, Philippines

Rice blast disease remains the most destructive disease of cultivated rice worldwide. Considering that rice is the staple food for more than half of the human population, the disease is a significant threat to food security for many nations. It is therefore imperative to devise novel and stable control strategies for the disease, which requires understanding of the pathogen, rice blast fungus, and its interaction with rice or other host plants.

The International Rice Blast Conference (IRBC) has been the forum to foster collaboration in rice blast research among scientists around the world. Not surprisingly, much progress has been made on research of the biology, genomics, host-pathogen interactions, resistance, and disease management of rice blast since the last IRBC in Jeju, South Korea, in 2013. To share recent advancements in the scientific research and to broaden our understanding of the disease, we host the IRBC07 in Manila, Philippines.

Thank you and see you in October 2016!



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Abstracts submission

The abstract must highlight the subject, methodology, and significant results of the study. Abstracts will be accepted from 1 April to 31 August 2016.

Please indicate whether the submitted abstract is for oral or poster presentation. Because there is limited time for oral presentations, some abstracts may not be presented. The participant will be notified of this decision before the deadline on 31 August 2016.

Themes for abstract submission are:

- Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, and Effectors of *M. oryzae*
- Molecular Interactions between Rice and *M. oryzae*
- Genetics, Genomics and Molecular biology of Host Resistance to *M. oryzae*
- Epidemiology and Population Biology of Rice Blast
- Disease Management and Breeding

Abstract Format

1. Margins

- Set 1 inch for side, top, and bottom margins.
- Use a ragged right margin (not a justified margin) and do not hit double enter except at the end of paragraphs.

2. Type

- Do not use any word processing format codes to indicate boldface, etc. Use 12-point Times New Roman font.

3. Heading

- Title: Center and type in title case, where the first letter of each word is capitalized and the remaining letters of each word are in lowercase, except for prepositions (e.g., to, for, with) and articles (a, an, and, the) being all in lowercase. Example: Initial Dates of Blast Infection in the Southern UK. middle initials, with no space between the initials (e.g., Groth, D.E.).
- Authors: Center name(s) and type in caps and lowercase with last name first, then first and
- Affiliation and location: Add affiliation and location after authorship.

4. Body

- Single-spaced using a ragged right margin.
- Do not indent paragraphs.
- Leave a single blank line between paragraphs.

5. Content is limited to one, single-spaced page.

- Include a statement of rationale for the study.
- Briefly outline methods used.
- Summarize results and predict impact.

6. Tables and figures are not allowed.

7. Use keywords.

8. Use the metric system of units. English units may be shown in parentheses.

9. When scientific names are used, italicize them – do not underline.



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Program

9th October 2016 (Sunday)

Arrival of participants at NAIA and check in at The Bellevue Manila, Alabang, Metro Manila

Registration

Day 1, 10th October 2016 (Monday)

0800H Scientific program

1200H Lunch at The Bellevue Manila

1330H Scientific program

Day 2, 11th October 2016 (Tuesday)

0800H Departure from The Bellevue Manila to IRRI, Los Baños

1000H Scientific program

1200H Lunch at IRRI

1330H Field tour at IRRI for rice disease and other plot demonstration, IRRI facilities including GRC's International Rice Genebank

1730H Conference Banquet with the Philippine cultural show and lifetime achievement award

Venue: IRRI Basketball Court

2030H Departure from IRRI, Los Baños to The Bellevue Manila

Day 3, 12th October 2016 (Wednesday)

1000H Scientific program

1200H Lunch at at The Bellevue Manila

1330H Scientific program

Day 4, 13th October 2016 (Thursday)

1000H Scientific program

1200H Lunch at at The Bellevue Manila

1330H Scientific program

Day 5, 14th October 2016 (Friday)

Departure of participants

Instructions to Chairs and Presenters

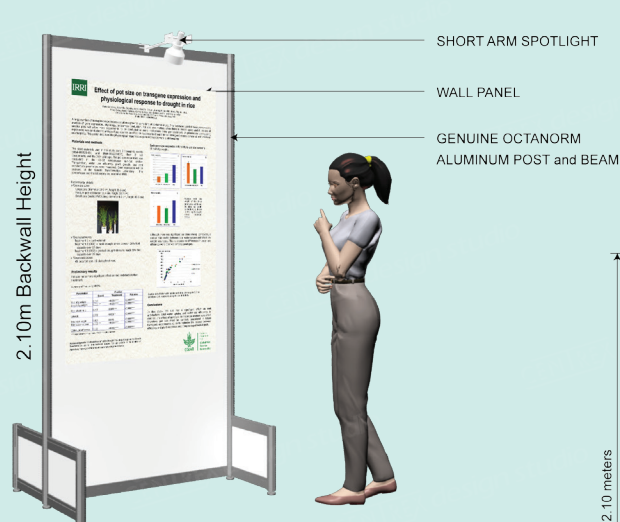
Instructions for oral presentations

1. Presenters may submit their presentations via email to IRBC07@irri.org.
2. Submission of presentations at the venue must be coordinated with the IRBC07 secretariat.
3. Presenters must be at the session room 30 minutes prior to the start of the session for coordination with the AVR technician and session moderator.
4. If you prefer to use your laptop, please inform the secretariat earlier. Your computer must be equipped with the proper monitor connector (VGA/RBG15 pins), as shown in the photo below. If your computer does not have this connection, please bring an appropriate converter.

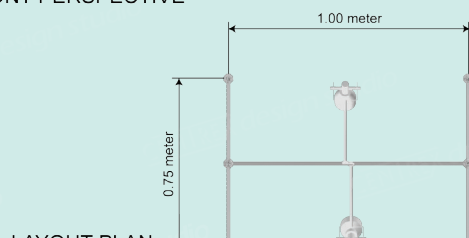


Instructions for poster presentations

1. Posters will be displayed at the lobby of the Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the conference venue.
2. Posters are numbered as indicated in the abstract compilation; a corresponding numbered poster board is available for your poster.
3. Posters left displayed after the last scientific session on 13 October 2016 will be disposed of by the IRBC07 secretariat.
4. Please follow poster dimensions to fit the display panel. Panel size is shown in the figure below.



FRONT PERSPECTIVE

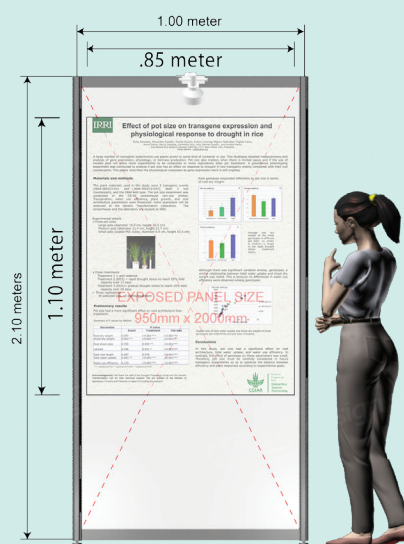


LAYOUT PLAN

TOP VIEW

PHOTO PANEL (7 FT.)

Poster size: 0.85 X 1.10 m



FRONT ELEVATION



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Registration fees

Registration type	Amount (USD)	Dates
Early-bird	300.00	1-30 April 2016
Regular	400.00	Starts 1 May 2016
Student	200.00	Starts 1 April 2016

Payment details

Please send your payment through a direct bank deposit.

Payment for the Account of International Rice Research Institute

Bank Account Number: 6212-56654027

Bank Address: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

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Accommodations

Conference participants are encouraged to stay at the The Bellevue Manila, where the conference will be held. For accommodations, the Deluxe Rooms at the Main and Tower wings of the hotel will be made available for the participants.

Hotel Rates

Room Category	Daily room rate	
Main Wing Deluxe Room	Single/double occupancy	Php 4,000.00/room/night
Tower Wing Deluxe Room	Single/double occupancy	Php 5,500.00/room/night

Hotel Reservations

For reservations, email the secretariat at irbc07@irri.org or ICBB05@irri.org and do not forget to copy Ms. Jershey Mojica (cc: jmojica@thebellevue.com).

Hotel Location

The Bellevue Hotels & Resorts

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Visitor Information

The Philippines

The Philippines is an archipelagic country composed of 7,107 islands broadly classified into three main geographical areas: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. It is a tropical country with two pronounced seasons: dry from November to April and wet during the rest of the year. Light clothing is usually worn day in and day out. In October, average weather temperature in Manila, the country's capital situated in Luzon, is 24-31 °C/75-88 °F.

The Bellevue Manila, which is the venue for the 7th International Rice Blast Conference (IRBC07) and 5th International Conference on Bacterial Blight of Rice (ICBB05) conferences, is in Alabang, Muntinlupa, south of Metro Manila. During your stay and if you have the time, you may also visit some sights in the capital at your convenience.

Visa

Foreign nationals may be required to acquire visas before entry into the Philippines. The general guidelines and requirements for entry of temporary visitors to the Philippines are available from the Department of Foreign Affairs website. Check the list of nationalities who do not require visas to enter the Philippines. Indian nationals may please refer to this additional information. A letter of invitation and/or a note verbale will be provided by the institute if necessary.

If you require a visa, please email the IRBC07 or ICBB05 secretariat (irbc7@irri.org; ICBB05@irri.org) a copy of your passport, which should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date, and include the address of the Philippine Embassy or Consulate nearest you.

Refer to this list to locate the Philippine Embassy or Consulate nearest you.

Local Transport

Airport transport

The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 is 12 km (25 mins) away from the conference venue.

Transportation to and from the airport will be arranged upon receipt of the arrival and departure flight details from the participants. Please fill out this flight details form.

Representatives of the IRBC07 and ICBB05 Local Organizing Committees will be at the airport to receive and guide the participants and the NAIA International Organization Desk will also be available for assistance.

Around the hotel area

The Bellevue Manila is located inside Northgate Cyberzone, the premier business and leisure hub in the southern Manila area.

There are many different establishments for dining and shopping in Filinvest City, Alabang. The Alabang Town Center, Festival Supermall, and the Commercenter Alabang are just some of them and a few minutes away from the conference venue.

Contact us

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FAQ & support

1. What will be the official language used in the conference?

The official language for the conference will be English.

2. Where can the full details of the program be found?

The full details of the program, including abstracts, are available here.

3. When can we receive the formal invitation letter?

Upon receiving your registration form and fee, IRRI will send you a formal invitation letter. If you require a visa to enter the Philippines, please email a copy of your passport to the ICBB05 secretariat (icbb05@irri.org). Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your planned departure date, include the address of the Philippine Embassy or Consulate nearest you.

4. What if I have people joining me who are non-participants?

A registration fee of USD 250 for non-participants includes a welcome reception on the first day, conference dinner on 11 October 2016, and lunch and snacks during the conference. Please contact the conference secretariat for questions regarding accompanying non-participants.

5. What is the policy for the cancellation of participation in the ICBB05?

Cancellations and requests for refunds should be made in writing to the conference secretariat. Cancellations received on or before 9 September 2016 will be refunded by 50%. Fees will not be refunded for cancellations received after 9 September 2016.

Cancellation requests must identify the registrant's name, email address, and the amount paid. Send cancellation requests to icbb05@irri.org.

6. Where can foreign currencies be exchanged?

Foreign currency may be exchanged to local currency (Philippine Peso) at the airport and most major hotels. The exchange rate is relatively the same at the airport and all major banking facilities in Manila.

7. What is the banking schedule in the Philippines?

In general, banks are open from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

8. What is the foreign currency exchange rate?

The exchange rate as of (date): USD 1 = PHP 46.

9. How is the weather in October in Manila?

In October, average weather temperature in Manila, the Philippines's capital situated in Luzon, is 24-31 °C/75-88 °F.

10. What do I wear outside the conference?

Light clothing would be appropriate in going around Alabang and Manila.

11. Where would the venue be for lunch and refreshments?

Lunch will be served at the Grand Ballroom of The Bellevue Manila.

12. How would the messages and mail be received by participants during the conference?

During the IRBC07 and ICBB05, participants and conference organizers may be reached on the following numbers:

Tel. (+632) 771 8181

Fax: (+632) 771 8282

Email: tbnml@thebellevue.com

Please note that all faxes must clearly display the name of the conference and the recipient. All messages will be posted on the conference notice board located next to the registration desks.

13. Would the Hotel provide electronic facilities during the conference?

Facilities will be available for delegates to send and receive email and to access the Internet. Sessions will be equipped with electronic projectors.

14. What is the operating voltage for the electrical appliances in the conference?

The Philippines operates on 220v for electrical appliances.

15. Is there a transport service for trips near and around the hotel?

The Bellevue Manila provides a daily shuttle service to the nearby Alabang commercial and financial district. The shuttle runs every 30 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

16. How do I request for a taxi for a special trip during the conference?

Requests for taxi service may be arranged at the concierge of the hotel. The rate for a taxi is charged to the personal expense of the participant.